

New York State mandated changes to Dog Licenses

Effective January 15, 2006 New York State Law requires that a dog license may not be issued for a time period beyond the expiration date of a dog's rabies certificate.

Dog licenses issued on and after Monday, January 15, 2006 must not expire after the expiration of the dog's rabies certificate. If your dog is due for a rabies booster during the next year, you must have it boosted now in order to have a full year license. If you choose not to have your dog vaccinated now you will still need to pay the full fee and you will need to renew your dog licenses after it has been vaccinated.

Dog owners may choose to renew dog licenses for either a 1, 2 or 3 year period with the rabies certificate being the expiration date.

Pursuant to the New York Public Health Law, county public health authorities must offer free clinics at least every four months for the rabies vaccination of dogs, as well as for cats and domesticated ferrets.

Questions call the Town Clerk at 763-3511.

State and local laws require that all dogs over four months of age be licensed. Proof of rabies vaccination and spaying or neutering is also required. License fees are as follows:

Male neutered/ female spayed: $\$2.50 + \5.00 local fee = $\$7.50$

Male, unneutered/female unspayed:

under 4 months $\$7.50 + \5.00 local fee = $\$12.50$

4 months & over $\$7.50 + \5.00 local fee + $\$3.00$ spay/neuter fee* = $\$15.50$

* This fee is used to fund a State project for the spaying and neutering of dogs adopted from animal shelters.

Exemptions

No fee

(Guide dog, war dog, police dog, work dog, hearing dog, service dog)

Purebred dogs:

For 1 to 10 dogs, the fee is $\$25.00$ plus $\$5.00$ local fee plus $\$3.00$ for each unspayed/unneutered dog over 6 months of age.

For 11-25 dogs, the fee is $\$50.00$ plus $\$5.00$ local fee plus $\$3.00$ each unspayed/unneutered fee.

For 26 dogs and over, the fee is $\$100.00$ plus $\$5.00$ plus $\$3.00$ each unspayed/unneutered fee.

Note: A purebred dog license is a license for the dogs only. Kennel facilities are regulated by the Town of Lewisboro Zoning Ordinance, and in some special cases a special permit for the Zoning Board of Appeals may be required.

[See the Lewisboro Town Code Section 105](#)